

# DEPT 15 - POCKET PETS

## MONDAY, JULY 17 11:00 A.M.

**Superintendent: Mary Darling (269) 624-6944**  
**Asst. Superintendent: Bridgette Saidla**

**Check-in: Saturday – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Mandatory Meeting: Saturday – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Judging: Monday – 11:00 a.m.**

### GENERAL POCKET PET RULES

1. All cavy lab animal exhibitors must follow the SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBIT RULES.
2. A MANDATORY POCKET PET MEETING will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday the day of check-in.
3. Cavies and lab animals must be owned by exhibitor by June 1 preceding fair.
4. Dress code: black pants with long-sleeved white shirt
5. All pens must be labeled with exhibitor name, age, club, & breed.
6. Exhibitors may not enter more than eight cavies and no more than six lab animals.
7. Showmanship is a required class.
8. Exhibitor must show his/her own entry in showmanship class
9. Cavy judging shall be based on ARBA Cavy Standards of Perfection.
10. All cavies must have a tattoo or ear tag. Lab Animal Judging will be based on ARMA Standards of Perfection and the American Hamster Association Standards of Perfection.
11. Showmanship judging will follow Michigan State 4-H Cavy Fitting and Showing Guidelines.
12. Sow and Boars shall be caged separately.
13. Mixed Breed animals may be shown. They should be placed in the Breed Class they most closely resemble.
14. Age/wt. groups are to be according to A.R.B.A. standards for cavies.
15. All cages must be locked. The Van Buren Youth Fair, superintendents, leaders and S.M.A.C. are not responsible for lost, escaped or stolen animals.
16. Lab animal exhibitors must provide their own cage, bedding, and feed during fair week.
17. A pair of lab animals may be either a male & female or two of the same sex.
18. Cavy exhibitors must provide bedding and feed during fair week.

### **DIVISION I**

#### **Section a – SHOWMANSHIP**

The first place exhibitors in Class 402, 403, 406, and 407 will be representatives for the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Exhibitors in classes 400-407 will receive placing rosettes (1-5) First place exhibitors will receive trophies. Exhibitors in classes 400 & 404 receive participation rosettes.

Class 400 - Cavy Pee Wee (6-8 yrs. of age)  
Class 401 - Cavy Young (9-12 yrs. of age)  
Class 402 - Cavy Junior (13-14 yrs. of age)  
Class 403 - Cavy Senior (15-19 yrs. of age)  
Class 404 - Lab Animal Pee Wee (6-8 yrs. of age)  
Class 405 - Lab Animal Young (9-12 yrs. of age)  
Class 406 - Lab Animal Junior (13-14 yrs. of age)  
Class 407 - Lab Animal Senior (15-19 yrs. of age)

Premiums for classes 408-413, 415-420, 422-427, 429-434, 436-441, 443-448, 450-455, 458-463 are: A, B, C ribbons & 1-5 placing rosettes.

A- \$3.00                      B- \$2.50                      C- \$2.00

**Section a1 – Class 1 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years).**  
**This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed in Section a above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **Section b – ABYSSINIANS**

Class 408 - Junior Abyssinian Boar  
Class 409 - Junior Abyssinian Sow  
Class 410 - Intermediate Abyssinian Boar  
Class 411 - Intermediate Abyssinian Sow  
Class 412 - Senior Abyssinian Boar  
Class 413 - Senior Abyssinian Sow  
Class 414 - Best Abyssinian  
(1st place from classes 408 - 413) Best of Breed Rosette

Section c thru Section h will have the same class descriptions, awards, and premiums as Section b.

#### **Section c – AMERICANS**

Class 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421

#### **Section d – PERUVIANS**

Class 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428

#### **Section e – SILKIES**

Class 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435

#### **Section f – TEDDIES**

Class 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442

#### **Section g - WHITE CRESTEDS**

Class 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449

#### **Section h - RARE BREEDS**

Class 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456

#### **Section i - GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION CAVY**

(1st place from Classes 414, 421, 428, 435, 442, 449, 456)  
Class 457 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a trophy for Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Trophy and Rosettes.

**Section j - LAB ANIMALS (rats)**

Class 458 - Single Male  
Class 459 - Single Female  
Class 460 - Pair of rats

**Section k - OTHER LAB ANIMALS (No reptiles)**

Class 461 - Single Male  
Class 462 - Single Female  
Class 463 - Pair of Other Lab Animals

**Section l - GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION LAB ANIMAL**

(1st place from classes 458, 459, 461, 462)

Class 464 - Grand and Reserve Champion Lab Animal will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Trophy and Rosettes.

**Section m - GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION PAIR OF LAB ANIMALS**

(1st place from classes 460 and 463)

Class 465 - Grand and Reserve Champion Lab Animal will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Trophy and Rosettes.

**Section n - COSTUME CLASS**

1-5 placing rosettes

Class 470 - Costume Class

**Section o - POCKET PET RECORD BOOK CONTEST**

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a rabbit project. **Adam's Funeral Home in Paw Paw** will present awards to the top exhibitor in the following divisions.

Peewee (6-8) Beginner (9-12) Intermediate (13-14) Advanced (15-19)

Exhibitors will receive A, B, C ratings.

First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 cash prize.

Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday.

Record books are available from the Extension Office and must be turned into the Superintendent at check-in on Saturday.